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SUBJECT: MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE: RESOURCE PLANNING DATA

REF: A. USNATO 2323 (NOTAL)

B. USNATO 2291

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DRAFT MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE REQUESTS NATIONS TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC RESOURCE PLANNING DATA TO NATO TO GUIDE THE DEVELOPMENT OF FORCE PROPOSALS (REF A, PARA 73). DURING DEFENSE REVIEW COMMITTEE(DRC) DEVELOPMENT OF GUIDANCE DOCUMENT, USNATO SUPPORTED THIS REQUEST (REF B, PARA 10), DRAWING FROM WASHINGTON INSTRUCTIONS (REF C AND D). ASYG HUMPHREYS HAS NOW CIRCULATED REQUEST FOR RESOURCE PLANNING DATA, QUOTED BELOW, TO ALL NATIONAL DELEGATIONS. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON RESPONSE TO HUMPHREYS' LETTER IN TIME FOR SUBSEQUENT DISTRIBUTION BY USNATO TO APPROPRIATE NATO PLANNING AUTHORITIES BY JUNE 1. BEGIN TEXT:

1. YOU WILL RECALL THAT DURING THE DISCUSSION OF THE  
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RESOURCES PART OF THE MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE, IT WAS AGREED IN THE DEFENCE REVIEW COMMITTEE THAT COUNTRIES SHOULD PROVIDE SPECIFIC RESOURCE PLANNING DATA TO NATO TO GUIDE THE DEVELOPMENT OF FORCE PROPOSALS(1), AND THAT THOSE DATA SHOULD BE

MADE AVAILABLE BY 1ST JUNE, 1975.

2. TO FACILITATE THIS WORK IN CAPITALS, I THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL IF I SET OUT THE TYPE OF FINANCIAL DATA WHICH WOULD BE REQUIRED BY THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF AND NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES TO ENSURE A SOUND FINANCIAL BASIS FOR THE FORMULATION OF REALISTIC FORCE PROPOSALS WHICH WOULD COMPLY WITH THE MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE. THIS WOULD BE TO PROVIDE:

(A) 1974 DEFENCE EXPENDITURES IN ACTUAL TERMS;

(B) DEFENCE BUDGETS PROJECTED FROM 1975 TO 1982 SET OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH TABLE II DPQ (FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC SECTION) EXPRESSED IN 1974 CONSTANT PRICES FOR EACH SERVICE, AND FOR ESTABLISHMENT-WIDE EXPENDITURES;

(C) IN THE EVENT THAT (B) CANNOT BE GIVEN:

A PROJECTION AS FAR INTO THE FUTURE AS POSSIBLE OF THE EXPECTED DEFENCE EXPENDITURES UNDER EACH HEADING EXPRESSED IN REAL TERMS SUB-DIVIDED INTO PERSONNEL COSTS, OTHER OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE COSTS AND INVESTMENT COSTS;

(D) FAILING COMPLIANCE WITH (B) OR (C) PROVISION OF THE ESTIMATED PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN REAL TERMS PER YEAR FROM 1975 TO 1982 BASED ON 1974 ACTUAL BUDGETARY FIGURES.

3. AT THE SAME TIME COUNTRIES SHOULD SPECIFY THE DEFENCE PROGRAMMES TO WHICH THESE EXPENDITURES FIGURES ARE RELATED, AND IN PARTICULAR HOW THESE PROGRAMMES COMPLY WITH THE NATIONAL PLAN ADOPTED IN THE NATO FORCE PLAN (2) 1975 TO 1979 AND THOSE 1975-1980 FORCE GOALS AS YET UNFULFILLED.

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(1) DPC/D(75)4(DRAFT), PARAGRAPH 73, 25TH APRIL, 1975

(2) DPC/D(74)21, 4TH DECEMBER, 1974  
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